

FOR THE BENEFIT OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS WHO HAVE
LOST AN ARM AT THE SHOULDER-JOINT.

APRIL 24, 1884.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of
the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MORRILL, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the
following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 5509.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5509) for the benefit of soldiers and sailors who have lost an arm at the shoulder-joint, submit the following report:

The act of June 18, 1874, provides that all persons who are now entitled to pensions under existing laws and who have lost an arm or a leg at or above the elbow or knee joint shall be rated in the second class, and shall receive \$24 per month.

The act of March 3, 1879, increased the amount to \$37.50 per month to all pensioners then on the roll, or who might thereafter be placed thereon for amputation of either leg at hip-joint, but made no change for those cases where amputation of either arm was made at the shoulder.

This bill seeks to place these two classes on an equal footing.

Your committee are clearly of the opinion that the pensioner who has lost his arm at the shoulder-joint is equally helpless and equally unfitted to earn his support by manual labor with the man who has lost his leg at the hip-joint. It is a manifest injustice to make a distinction between the two, and your committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill.

